

## DEFENDS THE PRESIDENT

Senator Lodge Makes an Elaborate Speech on the Panama Question.

### HAY RESOLUTION REFERRED

Some Republicans Voted With Minority, But Not Enough to Prevent Its Reference.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—The Senate today was devoted to a speech by Mr. Lodge on the situation on the Isthmus of Panama.

He discussed the abstract question of the right of the President to recognize the independence of a new nation, and concluded that such a prerogative pertains exclusively to the office of the Chief Executive. He also contended that there had been a general expectation of an uprising in Panama at the time of the failure of the Hay-Herran treaty, and declared that he had not himself expected such an intervention in Panama had been only in the interest of peace, and contended that the President had not gone a step beyond what propriety called for.

Mr. Lodge made a reply to those who contend that the fact that the United States had prevented the secession of the Southern States in the Civil War declares this country from recognizing any nation which comes into existence under present circumstances, there could now be no formation of a new nation except by secession. The right of secession is a right of revolution and has nothing to do with law. Many instances in which recognition had been purely executive were cited, and the senator asserted that President Taylor had prepared to recognize the independence of Hungary before a government had been established.

### EXECUTIVE FUNCTION.

In reply to a question by Mr. Bacon, Mr. Lodge said he had voted for the resolution, declaring that "the people of Cuba are independent," but, he said, that there was then no government in Cuba, his vote then had not been inconsistent with his present attitude. His contention was that the recognition of a government is a purely executive function. Replying to the objection that the President had gone beyond his authority in nominating a minister to Panama, Mr. Lodge quoted a number of instances to show that early Presidents had done this. He contended that the President had acted in accordance with the rights of the canal concessions. Explaining that he had not changed in any particular his view on the matter, Mr. Morgan said he supposed the speech had been brought into debate for the purpose of reproaching him. He then asked Mr. Lodge:

"In the absence of any agreement with the United States in France, constituting the Panama Canal Company, would you be willing now to take this \$40,000,000 to be paid by the United States and give it to the Republic of Panama?"

Mr. Lodge answered that he would not be willing to give money which he believed to belong rightfully to the Panama Canal Company.

Mr. Lodge declared the question involved in the American question, and in which the whole American people are deeply interested. The question is neither partisan or sectional, and the senator thought all should unite in opposing it.

Nevertheless there had been some partisanism manifested. For the life of him he could not see the wisdom of the action of the Democrats in this instance. As a Republican, he would like no better issue in the present campaign than the Panama Canal, but as an American he would regret a division on this important question. In this connection, Mr. Lodge referred to last night's Democratic banquet in New York. Quoting Mr. Olney's reference to the needless war, Mr. Lodge said he had been told the adjective had been well chosen, because if Mr. Cleveland's administration had taken the proper course with reference to Cuba, Mr. Allen had been saved that war. Mr. Lodge said that Mr. Cleveland's nomination would afford an opportunity for Mr. Cleveland's administration had never been discussed.

"Say what you like of the silver issue," he declared, "it was a better issue than what had gone before."

Mr. Morgan introduced a resolution asking the President to supply the Senate with information as to the various instances of intervention on the part of the United States on the Isthmus of Panama, saying that the information requested would be in the line of Mr. Lodge's speech. He asked for immediate consideration of the resolution, but Mr. Allen objected, and the consideration of the resolution was postponed.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

### The House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—The privilege resolution proposed by Mr. Hay (Virginia), providing for an investigation of certain statements in the Dratow post-office, reflecting on the membership of the House of Representatives, was referred to the Committee on Postoffice and P. & R. roads, on motion of Mr. Payne (New York), the majority leader. Legat Republics voted with the minority on Mr. Hay's motion to order the previous question, which was lost, and three Republicans voted with the Democratic majority against the motion to refer.

The House adopted a resolution of censure on the House of Representatives, at the request of Mr. Gilbert (Massachusetts), a memorial to Congress from the Massachusetts Agricultural Society, praying for the restoration of the Frigate Constitution, was read and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Williams (Mississippi), the minority leader, said he was glad that the pro-

ceedings showing a disposition to await the census Bureau report at midday, while there were also some wire difficulties that interfered with out of town orders. Prices, however, were fluctuating irregularly, showed a heavy up-tide.

Prices showed off a little just before midday. The report of the Census Bureau was followed by a heavy buying for the account of New Orleans and local bull interests, and while shorts started covering, prices were advanced 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 points in a single jump, with arch shortly afterwards selling up to 12.03, May 12.05, and July 12.04, this being a new high for the trading contract. These advances naturally caused some realizing, and there were occasional set backs, but generally speaking the market showed a distinctly upward tendency, and before the close, March sold at 12.75, May 12.90, and July 12.92. This being within 10 points of the best prices for the season, and a gain of over a cent a pound from the low level of yesterday.

The market closed a little off from the highest, but firm at a net gain of 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 points. Sales were estimated at \$20,000 bales.

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dent had been established permitting the reading in the open House of members from a foreign State, saying that he had attempted when Mr. Reed was Speaker to secure the reading of a memorial from his State without success. He said he had been given a society. Mr. Payne announced that this would not serve as a precedent, as he would oppose the reading of memorials in open House. The House adjourned until to-morrow.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE HAS BEEN ADDUCED

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Evidence showing gross criminal negligence than anything previously developed was given under oath today in the fire department investigation of the Iroquois hotel.

Joseph Dugherly, who had charge of the fire, claimed that the fire was caused by a defective gas valve in the kitchen, and that he had attempted to lower the asbestos curtain it was stopped by the same obstruction that prevented its operation last Wednesday, the fatal afternoon. The curtain was declared by the fire department at that time, but that no attention was paid to his warning. In his opinion, if the curtain was run down during the fatal fire, the lives of many, if not all, the victims of the disaster might have been saved. It was only by the merest chance that a panic was averted as the result of the first fire. The skylight at that time, he said, was securely closed.

Another Victim.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The Iroquois Theatre fire claimed a fresh victim to-day, making the total number of deaths 201. Miss Josephine Spence was one of those severely burned during the fire. She was found by relatives and taken to her home, where she died to-day.

COTTON PRICES ADVANCE SHARPLY

Market Closes a Little Off From Highest, But Firm at Gain of 68 to 80 Points.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—With news from the Far East more encouraging, and Liverpool cables much higher than expected, sentiment to-day seemed bullish, and the market opened firm at an advance of 16 to 20 points, which was soon increased to a matter of 31 to 35 points on the active months, with March selling at 12.55, May at 12.44, and July at 12.43. At first trading was fairly active, but later the market ruled rather quiet, with

husbanding the heat. All around, the skaters were holding their revel.

Many Skaters.

The song that the ice gave back to the skate falls pleasantly upon the ear of any man who has a drop of the skating blood in his veins. It is a soft and cozy hum that, arising from every quarter of the lake, unites in one continuous sound that, from the distance, is like the murmur of the wind in the trees. But it is no wind—only the ring of the gliding skates against the cold, hard ice.

For a winter evening the crowd last night was a remarkably large one. There were perhaps two hundred people upon the lake about 9 o'clock, and constant arrivals swelled this number from time to time. Each new car brought its contingent of muffled boys and girls, women and men, with the clanking skates strung over their shoulder. It took a good deal of enthusiasm to carry a man out of doors last night, and hence the majority of those who went were skaters devoted to this sport. Still a half hundred spectators fringed the lake and spent a cold, but pleasurable hour watching the sight. The others missed not the cold, although but twenty degrees of Fahrenheit, reduced some five more degrees by the ice, was expected to keep the body warm.

Quite a number of young ladies were there skating arm in arm, with their escorts. Boys and girls from ten years up darted about on the ice. Everybody was merry, as the moon and the fair track with the happy laugh of the child or the forlorn whop of the breeze-voiced young man.

The bonfire on the island was the haven of rest, and warmth when some

the ice, or what he thought would be the natural order of things be the ice. But he went plumb into a hole, the only one in the lake, perhaps. He suddenly found himself waist-deep in icy water. He fished himself out in short order, however, and was soon as merry as the rest.

The ice itself was in an unusually fine condition. It has been a long time frozen, but it is now just what might be desired. It is smooth and firm, and not dangerous. That it may long continue so is the ardent hope of all skaters.

Large Crowds at All.

During the day hundreds of people visited the lake, and many of the most prominent people of the city were there from time to time. The scenes were always lively and animated.

Not only the lake, but the other ponds as well were well patronized. Lakeside ice was seven inches thick yesterday, and the ice at Young's pond and Westhampton about six inches. Forest Hill is also well provided. The number of those who are enjoying the sport increases daily. Many more than a thousand people were out yesterday, and the number will be greatly swelled to-day, if the cold continues.

M'KENNA AND COULTON.

These the Beaten Favorites in New Orleans Races.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5.—McKenna and Coulton were the beaten favorites to-day. Summary:

First race—six furlongs—Iniquity, 6 to 1. Time, 1:18.25.

Second race—one mile and a quarter, 12 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Third race—seven furlongs—Exclamation, 4 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Fourth race—one mile, Handicap—Hand, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Fifth race—six furlongs—Sadducee, 7 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Sixth race—one mile and a sixth—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Seventh race—seven furlongs—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Eighth race—one mile and a sixth—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Ninth race—seven furlongs—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Tenth race—one mile and a sixth—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Eleventh race—seven furlongs—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Twelfth race—one mile and a sixth—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Thirteenth race—seven furlongs—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Fourteenth race—one mile and a sixth—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Fifteenth race—seven furlongs—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Sixteenth race—one mile and a sixth—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Seventeenth race—seven furlongs—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Eighteenth race—one mile and a sixth—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Nineteenth race—seven furlongs—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Twentieth race—one mile and a sixth—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Twenty-first race—seven furlongs—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Twenty-second race—one mile and a sixth—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

Twenty-third race—seven furlongs—Black, 6 to 1. Time, 1:11.25.

## ACTION OF SUPERVISORS

Instruct Mr. Brauer to Deliver Money and Bonds to Mr. Todd.

### EX-TREASURER WILL COMPLY

He Is to Retain the Uncollected Bills, However, and Complete the Levy of 1903.

At its first meeting, held yesterday, the new Board of Supervisors of Henric county promptly took up the complicated treasury matter and disposed of it in accordance with the terms of the decision of the Commonwealth's attorney, made public the day preceding.

As a result of the action of the board Mr. Brauer will at once deliver to his successor all books and moneys in his possession, and will immediately render his account to the supervisors. He is instructed, however, to retain the uncollected bills and to complete his collection. The money, as far as it comes in, will be turned over to the new treasurer.

THE BOARD MEETING.  
Mr. W. B. Prayser was elected chairman of the board, and the other three members, Mr. R. W. Browning, Mr. J. W. Barnes and Mr. W. C. Saunders, were present.

The treasury matter was not discussed at any length. Mr. Wendenburg was present, and was asked whether or not the supervisors had authority to engage an accountant to investigate the accounts of the outgoing treasurer. The Commonwealth's attorney replied in the affirmative, but did not think this would be necessary, and nothing more was said about the matter. The bond question was discussed, and Mr. Wendenburg expressed the opinion that the bond of Mr. Brauer covered the duties imposed upon him in the collection of the unpaid taxes of 1903, and that no further security was necessary.

A committee of supervisors waited upon Mr. Brauer and reported that he would act in accordance with the directions of the gentlemen. He will be given a reasonable time to arrange the matters of his office for settlement. The term immediate is not construed liberally in the eyes of the law.

Mr. Todd makes flat denial of the statement of Mr. Brauer that he (Todd) declined to share the office with the outgoing treasurer. He says that Mr. Brauer never mentioned the matter to him, and that he would, in fact, have been very favorable to the plan.

A Shanty Burned Up.

Fire destroyed a shanty of two or three rooms in the rear of No. 1708 East Grace Street last night. The rooms were occupied by colored women, who saved little of their worldly goods. How the fire started no one knows. The damage it did amounts to about \$200. It broke out about 11:10 o'clock.

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skater had worn himself out with exertion. Every now and then one would detach himself from the others and scramble up to the fire and stand there until he was thawed out. Then to the ice again he would go for another spell and finally back to the fire. A crowd was thus constantly around the blaze.

Curious Incidents.

A number of curious and at times laughable incidents occurred to provoke the merriment of the crowd.

For the children it was unmitigated pleasure to see their elders take the disgraceful tumble. Large men and fat, tried to walk easily across the ice, but somehow found the weight of their body spreading their legs under them.

A bearded skater, overconfident, would discover himself in an untenable position without a moment's notice. Legs would perform various antics, producing the inevitable sore head. Bruised bodies resulted to many, but hardly a man let the stop him.

There were no accidents that might have been termed serious. One man had a rather bad beginning. With skates on he jumped from the boat landing into

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